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1. An electrically operated artillery battery with electric range finder is being tested at Malacky in the presence of Soviet officers.
2. The Skoda branch factory in Plotiste (051/G71) is rapidly being converted from the production of milk cans to that of mines for the Soviet army.
3. A new factory is being built for the Sartin Explosia Works in Doubravice (051/M79). It will be used as a research center in the field of explosives. At the employment exchange in Pardubice a call is being made for 8,000 workers to aid in the construction of the plant. Equipment has been ordered from Skoda Works in Hradec Kralove and from Transporta in Chrudim. A total of 100 truck loads of black powder have arrived at Sartin and another 100 truckloads have been delivered to the auxiliary warehouse of the Ministry of Defense in Orlické Hory near Kraliky (051/G51). Experimental laboratories of the Sartin Explosia Works also exist in Rybitvi (051/M69).
4. The armaments industry in Czechoslovakia is receiving large orders from the USSR, and is continually expanding as a result. Soviet technical experts, and Czech and Soviet security officers are established in all branches of the industry.

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